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ITALIAN TREASURY OFFICIAL (PALUMBO) AFFIRMED THAT ITALIAN
POSITION (REPORTED REF A) FAVORING CONTINUED REPRESENTATION
REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN IMF/IBRD ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED.
ITALIANS SHARE HOPE THAT ISSUE OF CHINESE PARTICIPATION
WILL NOT SURFACE AT ANNUAL IMF/IBRD MEETING IN SEPTEMBER.
HOWEVER, IF IT DOES, ITALIANS WOULD SUPPORT PROCEDURAL STRATEGY
ALONG LINES PARAGRAPH 3 REF B TO POSTPONE CONFRONTATION. AT
SAME TIME, PALUMBO REITERATED THAT ITALIAN SUPPORT FOR USG
POSITION IS CONTINGENT ON POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS, I.E., IF
ISSUE IS RAISED IN HIGHLY POLITICAL MANNER BY THIRD PARTIES,
GOI COULD NOT AVOID ACTING CONSISTENTLY WITH POLICY DECISION
OF RECOGNIZING PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA. VOLPE

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